

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:
Peggy E. Hellberg

Serial No.: 10/694,309 (Conf. #3568)

Filed: October 27, 2003

For: HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS
FOR TREATING DEGENERATIVE
DISEASES OF THE EYE

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Fay, Z.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2395 US

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 8, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Official Action mailed June 8, 2006, for which the three-month date for response was September 8, 2006.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to November 8, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 this paper.
There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.